

Bay Area Rallies to 'Dump Nixon'

Two small rallies were held in the Bay Area yesterday, both sponsored by a group calling itself the Dump Nixon Coalition.

A spokesman for the coalition, Dan Siegel, said the coalition is made up of groups ranging from "Marxist-Leninist and revolutionary organizations to unions and organizations interested in particular issues, such as women's rights."

Siegel, a radical attorney who was student body president at the University of California at Berkeley during the 1969-70 People's Park riots, failed to get to the rally at the Federal Building at 450 Golden Gate avenue. He said he was delayed in traffic in the East Bay.

In fact only 27 protesters

marched at the Federal Building, and their signs protested the "Operation Zebra" tactic of San Francisco police, calling it a "police attack on the black people of San Francisco."

There were no speeches at that 9 a.m. rally.

At the second rally, at noon at Sproul Plaza at the University of California in Berkeley, 100 spectators listened to Rob Devigne of New York demand President Nixon be impeached.

Devigne, a member of the National Interim Committee of the Attica Brigade, which took over the Statue of Liberty briefly last weekend, also called for "an independent peoples movement to throw Nixon out."

Afterwards some spectators joined a United Farm

Workers group picketing The Terrace, a snack bar on the campus allegedly serving lettuce and carrots harvested by workers who are not members of the United Farm Workers.

One of the leaders of the Dump Nixon Coalition, Ann Weills, a radical and a writer, said the coalition has "a dual focus."

"We want to expose Nixon policies and demand he be impeached. We also want to expose his national administration policies that oppress people who try to demand equal rights, decent jobs and decent living conditions. We want equal justice under the law for everyone."

The original idea for the coalition, she said, came from The October League, a

Marxist-Leninist organization that hopes to form a new Communist Party.

About 40 persons attended the formation meeting in December, she said, from among "radical groups who can unite behind a move to impeach Nixon."

It is planning future demonstrations, she and Siegel said.

The Revolutionary Union also is involved in the coalition, Siegel said, and it, like the October League, hopes for a new Communist Party to be formed. In the meantime both groups view China as the leading Communist national instead of the Soviet Union.

Other groups in the coalition, Mrs. Weill and Siegel said, are the Vietnam Veterans Against the War, the

Indo-China Solidarity Committee, the National Lawyers Guild, the Workers Defense Committee, the Non-Intervention in Chile Committee, People of the World Unite to Defeat Imperialism and various unions.